

The Stearns amendment that sought to reduce funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$2 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 124 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 287);

Pages H5496–H5502, H5504–05

The DeFazio amendment that sought to prohibit funding by the Forest Service for the recreational fee demonstration program authorized by section 315 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 for units of the National Forest System;

Pages H5534–40

The Weldon of Florida amendment that sought to prohibit funding to approve class III gaming on Indian lands by any means other than a Tribal-State compact entered into between a State and a tribe (rejected by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 289);

Pages H5520–30, H5560–61

The Tancredo amendment that sought to reduce Forest and Rangeland Research funding by \$16.9 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 135 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 292); and

Pages H5543–47, H5562–63

The Wu amendment that sought to allocate National Forest System funding levels by decreasing timber sales management funding to \$196.8 million and increasing wildlife and fisheries habitat management funding to \$120.4 million and watershed improvements funding to \$40.1 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 293).

Pages H5547–59, H5563

Withdrawn:

The Stearns amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to allocate National Endowment for the Arts grants to the States on the basis of population;

Pages H5502–03

Points of Order Sustained Against:

Language on page 37 line 23 through page 38 line 13;

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Language on page 76 line 16 through line 22;

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Language on page 80 line 11 through line 23;

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H. Res. 243, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 13.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5573–74.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea and nay vote and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5482–83, H5483, H5503–04, H5504–05, H5559–60, H5560–61, H5561, H5561–62, H5562–63, H5563, H5566, H5567, and H5568. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:24 p.m. on July 15.

## Committee Meetings

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs approved for full Committee action the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REORGANIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Department of Energy reorganization. Testimony was heard from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary, Defense Programs, Department of Energy.

### AGING CRISIS

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on the Aging Crisis and H.R. 202, Preserving Affordable Housing for Senior Citizens into the 21st Century Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### HOW HEALTHY ARE THE GOVERNMENT'S MEDICARE FRAUD FIGHTERS?

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on How Healthy Are the Government's Medicare Fraud Fighters? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: George Grob, Deputy Inspector General, Evaluations and Inspection; Jack Hartwig, Deputy Inspector General, Investigation; Marjorie Kanoph, M.D., Deputy Director, Medicare Contractor Management, Center for Beneficiary Services and Penny Thompson, Director, Program Integrity Group, both with the Health Care Financing Administration; the following officials of the GAO: Leslie G. Aronovitz, CPA, Manager, Chicago Field Office; and Robert H. Hast, Acting Assistant Comptroller General, Office of Special Investigations; and public witnesses.

**COMPREHENSIVE RETIREMENT SECURITY AND PENSION REFORM ACT**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported, amended, H.R. 1102, Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act.

**UNITED NATIONS—TREATMENT OF ISRAEL**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the Treatment of Israel by the United Nations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: David Welch, Assistant Secretary, International Organization Affairs; and Martin Indyk, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and public witnesses.

**TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2490, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, providing one hour of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill. The rule authorizes the chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kolbe, Tiahrt, Weldon of Florida, Hoyer, Maloney of New York, Wexler and Hoeffel.

**AMERICAN EMBASSY SECURITY ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 2415, American Embassy Security Act of 1999 providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. The rule provides that before consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the first amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, if offered by Representative Gilman or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 min-

utes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order are waived against that amendment. The rule provides that no further amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the Rules Committee report and the amendments en bloc described in section 2 of the resolution. The rule provides that each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule authorizes the chairman of the Committee on International Relations or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules or germane modifications of any such amendment which shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, after passage of H.R. 2415, it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill S. 886 and to consider the Senate bill in the House. The rule waives all points of order against the Senate bill and against its consideration. The rule provides that it shall be in order to move to strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 2415 as passed by the House and waives all points of order against that motion. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman and Representatives Goodling, Smith of New Jersey, Campbell, Rohrabacher, Sanford, Greenwood, Bilbray, Gibbons, Gejdenson, McKinney, Delahunt, Traficant, Engel, Waters, Maloney of New York, Jackson of Illinois, Kucinich, Tierney, Capuano, Capps and Weiner.

**NETWORKING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act. Testimony was heard from Neal Lane, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and public witnesses.

**FINANCIAL FREEDOM ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, amended, H.R. 2488, Financial Freedom Act of 1999.

**ENCRYPTION**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Held a hearing on Encryption. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Janet Reno, Attorney General; and Louis J. Freeh, Director, FBI; John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense; and Thomas Constantine, former Director, DEA, Department of Justice.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
JULY 15, 1999**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, with the Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold joint hearings on the official dollarization in Latin America, 9 a.m., SD-538.

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*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider proposed legislation authorizing expenditures by the committee; to be followed by hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Transportation Safety Board, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to resume hearings on S. 161, to provide for a transition to market-based rates for power sold by the Federal Power Marketing Administrations and the Tennessee Valley Authority; S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry; and S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing expenditures by the committee, 3:30 p.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing expenditures by the committee, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing expenditures by the committee, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business:* business meeting to mark up S. 1156, to amend provisions of law enacted by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 to ensure full analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules proposed by certain agencies; S. 1346, to ensure the independence and nonpartisan operation of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration; and H.R. 1568, to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, 9 a.m., SR-428A.

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* to hold hearings on state and local preparedness for year 2000, 9 a.m., SD-192.

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing on the following: H.R. 2389, County Schools Funding Revitalization Act of 1999; and a legislative alternative submitted to Congress by the U.S. Forest Service, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2000, 9 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to continue hearings on Electricity Competition, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on H.R. 2470, Medical Information Protection and Research Enhancement Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Elementary and Secondary Education Act-Educating Diverse Populations, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on H.R. 88, to amend the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 1999, to repeal the requirement regarding data produced under Federal grants and agreements awarded to institutions of higher education, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on Credit for Early Action: Win-Win or Kyoto Through the Front Door, 2:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1752, Federal Courts Improvement Act; and H.R. 2112, Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Jurisdiction Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on the Shoot Down of the "Brothers to the Rescue" Planes, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.